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1. Location:

On the western border of Kaliningrad (39°46'E/
45°55'N), Moscow Oblast.

2. Working time:

Three shifts.

3.

About 60 German engineers

_____ were working in the plant. They lived 4 or 5 km from the plant and were in charge of the production of V-2 missiles. The production was in full swing by February 1948. The propulsion units of the V-2 marked by Soviet letters are being delivered from Tsimke (Khinki?). German engineers were often seen leaving in an easterly direction by a TB-train for launching experiments. Their living conditions were favorable.

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4. Many German V-2s and V-2 propulsion units, in addition to such marked by Soviet letters, were stored at the plant. In both September and October 1947 the FMS train was absent from the plant for three weeks. Between February and March 1948 howling sounds and a glare of fire were noticed two or three times at the test stand east of the airfield bordering on the plant to the south. The sounds were heard at most for about one minute but often they lasted a much shorter time. During the same period V-2s loaded on flatcars with side racks were seen on the plant spur track. [REDACTED] the statement on the beginning of the production is correct since large quantities of sheets from 2 to 5 mm thick in strikingly large plates and many pipings arrived at the plant [REDACTED]. The work force of the plant was roughly estimated at 6,000 to 9,000 Soviets.

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a. [REDACTED]

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b. [REDACTED]

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c. [REDACTED]

d. The data contained in paras 3 and 4 are in general agreement with available information.

The beginning of the full production [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was not reached before the Summer of 1948, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] However, it is assumed that production was actually not in full swing before the Summer of 1949.

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- e. The estimate on the thickness of the reported sheets seems to be wrong since the main sheets for the outer covers are only 0.6 mm thick. However, the mentioned thicknesses are also needed in large quantities for the manufacture of attachments.
- f. The estimated work force does not allow definite conclusions as to the rate of production since [REDACTED] pointed out that a large percentage of the work force was employed for construction work and the equipment of the plant.

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